

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
March 9, 2015

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Mrs. Hedger motioned to excuse Ms. Newsom. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 Council Meeting and the March 2, 2015 Committee Meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**Retired Fire District Chief Don Newman-** Retired Fire Chief Don Newman was in attendance this evening as Mayor Collins proclaimed March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as Chief Don Newman Day in the City of Deer Park for the 52 years of service that Chief Newman served. Chief Newman thanked everyone and expressed his appreciation while stating that he loved the job he did every day.

**Public Comment** – None

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

#### **February 2015 Income Tax Report**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the February 2015 Income Tax report. It is up a bit as well as the refunds. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **February 2015 NW JEDZ Report**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the February 2015 NW JEDZ Report. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Total collected was \$106,718.84 with our portion being about \$10,671.00.

#### **Ordinance 2015-4 2015 Appropriations Ordinance**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **ORDINANCE 2014-4-2015**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading at the March 23, 2015 city council meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2015-9 SRTS PID No. 93534 Final Resolution**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2015-9**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Perin. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 2015-10 Joint Health Insurance Agreement for 2015**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2015-10**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Tassell. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Perin – aye Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

### **Student Government Night 3/23/15**

Mrs. Hedger stated that money is due, if not already turned in, for the Student Government Night dinner while also announcing that while she will be setting up for Student Government Night on March 23, 2015, she will not be able to attend the actual event due to a prior commitment.

### **Safety Committee**

#### **February 2015 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report**

#### **February 2015 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report**

Mr. Lehane stated that both the February 2015 Fire District and the February 2015 Police Department Reports would be referred to Student Government Night on March 23, 2015.

Mr. Perin congratulated Chief Newman on his retirement.

### **Public Works Committee**

#### **Winter Operations**

Mr. Tassell also referred the Winter Operations report to Student Government Night on March 23, 2015. President Comer inquired if we have enough salt remaining, just in case winter isn't over yet. Mr. Berens replied yes and that we took our last delivery for our order this year, which totaled 350 tons and paid back the communities to which we owed salt. 40 tons remains in our storage. Calls about potholes are coming in and as the weather is warming up they will be repaired.

### **Other Boards or Committees with a Report**

**Ohio Task Force/Community Police Relations** – Mr. Tassell recently attended the Ohio Task Force's Community and Police Relations. It is an effort to make sure you are reaching out and helping to build community and police trust.

**OKI Solar Readiness** – Mr. Tassell attended OKI's Solar Readiness meeting which discussed preparing for more solar installations and the savings and tax incentives.

**Park Board** – Mr. Perin gave the Park Board report for Mr. Preston. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday March 28 at 10 a.m. near the front shelter at Chamberlin Park. Volunteers are invited to stuff eggs for the event on March 26 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the city building.

**State Wrestling Districts** – Mr. Perin states that this past weekend Senior Austin Siemon qualified for state and will represent Deer Park in Columbus in the state wrestling tournament. Senior Tyler Goodpaster is an alternate. Congratulations to both of these students.

### **Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far –**

Mr. Ron Tolliver - 4221 Matson Avenue. Mr. Tolliver asked about the safe route to school program and whether or not there will be bump outs. Mr. Berens stated that bump outs will not be on that part of Plainfield but will be on Matson.

## **Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None**

## **New Business – None**

## **Reports from other City Officials**

### **Treasurer – None**

**Law Director** – Mr. Helmes provided an update on the modification of the police contract for the Chief of Police. Today Alex Ewing from Frost Brown Todd stated it looks okay. We will talk about it at the next committee meeting.

### **Auditor – None**

### **Safety Service Director –**

- Mr. Berens stated that Deer Park Community schools received an award for a clean audit from the OH State Auditor.
- Mr. Berens noted that the Strikes and Spares Bowling Alley and Rusty's were purchased during an auction this past week. It will be kept as a bowling alley and the new owners will hire the previous owners to run the business. Rusty's space will be used as well though the new owners have not yet determined what will be put in that space. Mr. Perin noted that Rusty's needs some work inside first.
- Mr. Berens announced that Deer Park is the Winner of Frank F Ferris II award! The award will be presented at Cooper Creek in Blue Ash on March 27, 2015. Mr. Berens asked for RSVP's from who would like to attend.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Collins gave a Proclamation to Mr. Michael Berens, Safety Service Director, for his many long hours with the city helping citizens, business men and women, city council and employees. Mr. Berens became Safety Service Director for Deer Park in April 2006 and previously provided 26 years to the city as a Police Officer and as Police Chief from 1994 – 2001. Mr. Berens has increased business opportunities, expanded partnerships with municipal economic development specialists, expanded partnerships with surrounding governments and created partnerships with the schools. Mr. Berens has the respect of council and the Deer Park Business Association and continues to make Deer Park better going forward. City council has publicly confirmed their appreciation for Michael J. Berens as all elected officials have signed this Proclamation today to show their support by passing a resolution. Mr. Berens thanked Ms. Janet Kelly, city council and the City of Deer Park for their support and appreciation.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Perin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rapp. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council